

**Senate Study Bill 3203 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KREIMAN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to vehicular accident reporting requirements  
2 by increasing the minimum amount of property damage  
3 necessitating a written report.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.266, subsection 2, Code 2009, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting  
4 in injury to or death of any person, or total property damage  
5 to an apparent extent of one thousand five hundred dollars  
6 or more shall, within seventy-two hours after the accident,  
7 forward a written report of the accident to the department.  
8 However, such report is not required when the accident is  
9 investigated by a law enforcement agency.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321G.10, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 **321G.10 Accident reports.**

13 If a snowmobile is involved in an accident resulting in  
14 injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to one  
15 thousand dollars or more, either the operator or someone acting  
16 for the operator shall immediately notify the county sheriff or  
17 another law enforcement agency in the state. If the accident  
18 occurred on public land or ice under the jurisdiction of the  
19 commission, the operator shall file with the commission a  
20 report of the accident, within seventy-two hours, containing  
21 information as the commission may require. ~~All~~ For all other  
22 accidents shall be reported as required under resulting in  
23 injury or death or property damage amounting to one thousand  
24 dollars or more, the operator shall forward a written report  
25 to the department of transportation within seventy-two hours,  
26 unless the accident is investigated by a law enforcement agency  
27 as provided in section 321.266.

28 Sec. 3. Section 321I.11, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **321I.11 Accident reports.**

31 If an all-terrain vehicle is involved in an accident  
32 resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage  
33 amounting to one thousand dollars or more, either the operator  
34 or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify  
35 the county sheriff or another law enforcement agency in

1 the state. If the accident occurred on public land or ice  
2 under the jurisdiction of the commission, the operator shall  
3 file with the commission a report of the accident, within  
4 seventy-two hours, containing information as the commission  
5 may require. ~~All~~ For all other accidents shall be reported  
6 as required resulting in injury or death or property damage  
7 amounting to one thousand dollars or more, the operator shall  
8 forward a written report to the department of transportation  
9 within seventy-two hours, unless the accident is investigated  
10 by a law enforcement agency as provided in section 321.266.

11 EXPLANATION

12 Under current law, if a vehicular accident results in  
13 property damage to an apparent extent of \$1,000 or more, the  
14 driver of a vehicle involved in the accident is required to  
15 file a written report of the accident with the department  
16 of transportation within 72 hours, unless the accident is  
17 investigated by a law enforcement officer. This bill increases  
18 the amount of property damage triggering the need for an  
19 accident report to \$1,500.

20 Current requirements for the reporting of snowmobile and  
21 all-terrain vehicle accidents, which contain a threshold damage  
22 amount of \$1,000, are not changed under the bill. However, the  
23 bill contains conforming amendments to Code sections 321G.10  
24 and 321I.11 in order to preserve the current accident reporting  
25 requirements of those sections.